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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures in Nebraska averaged from four to seven degrees below normal the past week. High humidity prevailed, and scattered showers fell somewhere in the State every day. The southeastern third of the State received generous amounts of moisture but the showers were accompanied by local hail. Tornadoes were reported in Polk and York Counties. Northwest of a line from Harlan to Knox Counties the showers were sparse and generally very light although a few isolated spots received an inch or more.

CROPS Row crops benefited from rains but a few areas remained dry. More moisture will be needed to maintain current conditions of dryland crops.

Corn is making very good progress with 85 percent silked. This is much ahead of last year when 70 percent of the crop had reached silking stage. Insect populations are building up in some areas, and farmers have started spraying to control them.

Sorghum condition declined slightly as heavy infestations of aphids were reported in many areas. The amount of damage to grain sorghums cannot be determined at this time, and spraying operations have begun; however, some chemicals are in short supply. Reports from the east central and southeast indicate late planted forage sorghums are being severely damaged by aphids. About 70 percent of the crop is headed.

Soybeans improved from the moisture, and about three-fourths of the crop is podding. Farmers continued roguing operations as weather permitted. Sugar beets, potatoes, and dry beans showed continued good development although cool nights slowed progress. Alfalfa and wild hay harvest was slowed by shower activity. About 90 percent of the alfalfa second crop and 5 percent of the third crop have been cut.

Shower activity in the Panhandle continued to hamper ending of the wheat harvest. The remaining fields are standing well, but the continuous damp weather is lowering test weights.

Range and pasture feed conditions are below average in all but the west and central sections.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition was generally favorable as cool temperatures aided gains. Fly populations continue to bother some herds.

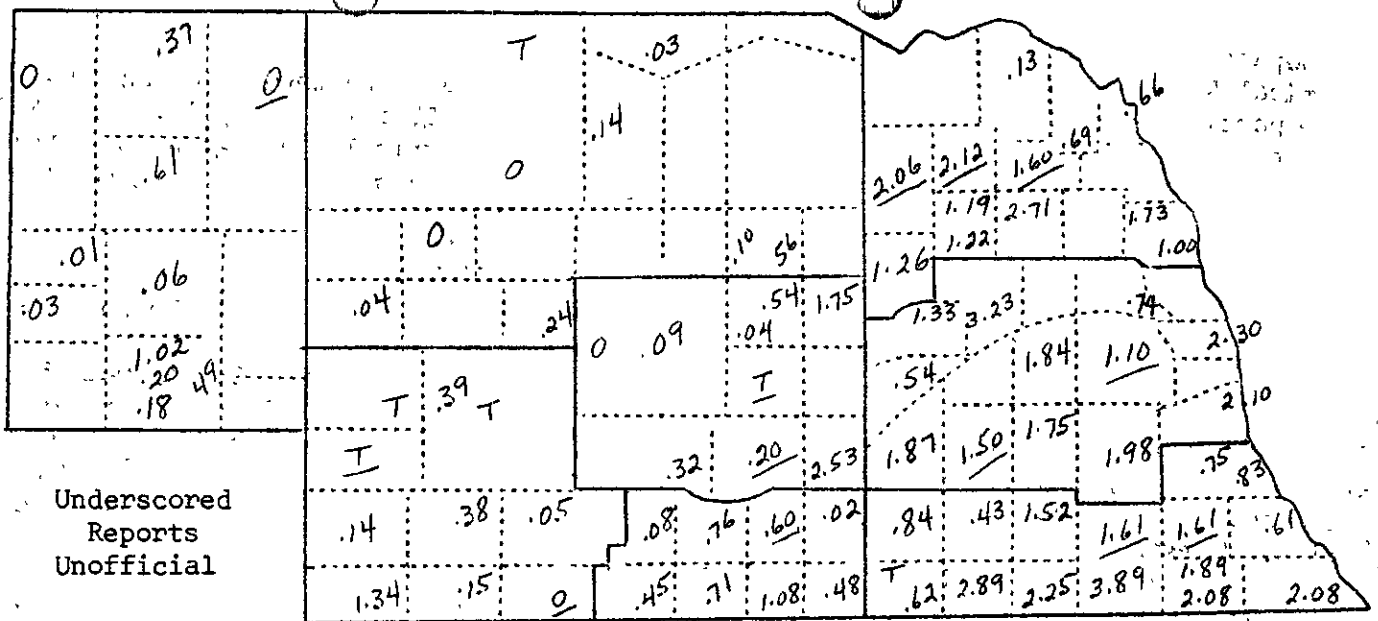
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 4, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	2.54	Burwell		Chadron	T
Lincoln	2.12	North Platte	T	Imperial	.60
Norfolk	1.23	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	2.35			Sidney	.08
Sioux City	.37				

Precipitation, April 1 - August 2, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.30	.17	1.48	.82	1.67	.28	.55	1.56
Total since April 1	9.30	11.39	11.44	12.87	14.30	7.73	12.51	13.70
Normal since April 1	9.84	11.48	13.29	12.68	13.98	10.87	12.53	14.93

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 2, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		July 29th		30th		31st		August 1st		2nd		3rd		4th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	93	61	79	45	71	46	88	55	91	61	92	56	95	55
	Scottsbluff	94	62	82	54	71	48	85	57	91	59	90	57	94	58
	Sidney	90	57	85	48	70	47	81	55	91	59	89	53	93	62
NC	Burwell	87	62	95	55	74	50	82	56	89	63	91	64	88	--
	Valentine	97	62	80	51	73	51	86	59	94	63	97	57	95	63
NE	Norfolk	86	65	90	60	72	55	79	58	84	64	85	67	87	70
	Sioux City	84	65	89	62	75	52	81	64	87	65	85	65	85	70
CEN	Grand Island	87	65	95	63	72	60	80	61	83	68	86	66	91	70
EC	Lincoln	86	67	91	66	73	61	80	64	80	68	80	70	91	76
	Omaha	85	65	85	63	72	54	79	61	82	66	83	68	86	71
SW	Imperial	96	60	95	56	74	54	81	54	93	65	90	61	93	62
	North Platte	91	60	92	55	73	52	81	53	91	61	88	62	92	59

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